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PSC POSTPONES HEARING ON EKPC TRANSMISSION LINE
Hearing rescheduled to Sept. 6 in Bowling Green

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 29, 2005) – Due to the approach of Hurricane Katrina, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has postponed its Tuesday, Aug. 30, hearing in Bowling Green on a proposal by East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to build new electric transmission lines in south-central Kentucky.

The hearing, which is for the purpose of receiving public comment on the EKPC proposal, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. CDT (7 p.m. EDT) in the auditorium at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center. The conference center is on the South Campus of Western Kentucky University (WKU), at 2355 Nashville Road (US 31W), about a mile from the WKU main campus.

“We want the public to have a full opportunity to be heard in the decision-making process in this case,” PSC Chairman Mark David Goss said. “The severe weather expected tomorrow not only will discourage people from attending the hearing but could make travel dangerous for those who do attend. The prudent choice is to postpone it a week.”

EKPC is proposing to construct four segments of 161-kilovolt line, totaling about 93 miles, in Barren, Butler, Ohio and Warren counties. About 47 miles of line would be in new right-of-way.

The application and related documents are available on the PSC Web site: psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2005-00207.

Anyone wishing to comment on the EKPC proposal may do so at the hearing. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the length of oral comments may be limited in order to allow everyone to be heard.

Written comments will be accepted at the hearing. Written comments also may be mailed to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, faxed to (502) 564-9625 or sent by e-mail from the PSC Web site.

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The evidentiary hearing in the case will be held at 9 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the PSC offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. There will be no public comments taken at the evidentiary hearing.

The PSC is an agency within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

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